



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange November, 2015

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 14	Rosary For Life
Nov 22-24	Men's Retreat—Malvern, PA
Nov 26	Happy Thanksgiving (no meeting)
Nov 28-29	Keep Christ In Christmas sale @ OLL
Nov 29	1st Sunday of Advent
Dec 5	Fair In The Square in Verona
Dec 5-6	Keep Christ In Christmas sale @ SCS
Dec 10	Council Christmas Party @ SCS
Dec 12	Rosary for Life/ Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 17	2nd Degree @ SCS 8:00pm
Dec 17	4th Degree Christmas Party at Fairfield Council
Dec 19-20	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Dec 25	Blessed Christmas
Jan 1	Happy New Year/ Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jan 2-3	Rose Sunday @ SCS
Jan 9	Rosary For Life
Jan 14	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Jan 22	March For Life—Washington, DC
Jan 28	Social Meeting @ SCS

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights

The fall season is rapidly flying by. With the exception of a few lingering warm days, the weather is changing along with the quickly falling foliage of the trees. Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and on behalf of the officers of the council, may I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. In these tough economic times, let's be thankful for the things that really matter, like the love of our family and friends, our health, freedom, and our faith.

And right around the corner is the joyous season of Advent - preparing for the coming of Jesus. As the advertisements start to crank up, let's try to look past the commercialism and consumerism. Our cry is "Keep Christ In Christmas". And our campaign begins on the 1st Sunday of Advent at Our Lady of the Lake.

Vivat Jesus,
Gary Wilczewski
Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

During this season of giving thanks, please know that I thank God for you, dear brother knights and for your families. From the first moment of my arrival, or better said "return", to OLL you've greeted me with such great warmth and a family spirit.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. It's the one holiday in the United States that unites us all. The action of giving thanks is profoundly biblical and common to every religion. Even for those who sadly do not have religion or know God the action of giving thanks is a great human attribute. Every time we gather as Catholic Christians to celebrate the Eucharist we are primarily giving thanks. That word Eucharist itself means giving thanks. As our families gather to celebrate the great feast of Thanksgiving, let us be thankful to Almighty God for all of our bountiful gifts. Although a secular holiday it has profound biblical roots. So, as we dig into our bountiful meals let's give thanks to the One who makes it possible.

In a recent talk, Pope Francis reminded families to keep meal time sacred by turning off our cell phones. Although it made me laugh I think he's right on. What a great message we can send to our young people by making our meals an act of thanksgiving and respect toward each other at the table by keeping our phones off for a while.

Peace, blessings, and fraternal regards

Rev. Joseph A. D'Amico

ALZHEIMER DRIVE

We collected at our local stores:

Jack's Foodtown Caldwell (2 days)	\$1141
Nicholas Market Foodtown Cedar Grove (1 day)	1028.92
Shop Rite West Caldwell (1 day)	<u>1245.55</u>
	\$3415.47

No figures are available yet for our mail campaign. The donations have been coming in slowly. If you haven't sent in your donation yet for this second big drive we do every year, please do so. Send checks made out to Knights of Columbus #3632. Put in memo Alzheimer's Drive and mail it to John Sommer, 172 Forest Ave., Verona, NJ 07044. Our goal is \$6000.

Thanks to all who collected: Pat Mullen, Larry Dillon 2X, Tim Murphy 4X, John Sommer 3X, Bill Spooner, Carlos Fernandez, PJ Hanly, Tony Ditri.

MEETINGS

Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve falling on our social meeting nights (4th Thursday), there will be only one meeting in November (11/12) and one meeting in December (12/10). The December 10 meeting will be our council Christmas party and will be at St. Catherine of Siena, not OLL as would normally be the case.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

November 28 & 29 at Our Lady of the Lake, and December 5 & 6 at St. Catherine of Siena, we will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" lawn signs, car magnets, and buttons after all Masses. This year we have added Christmas cards. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser benefit our Catholic schools of the two parishes. We need people after every Mass to help sell these items. For St. Catherine's, call Pat Mullen @ 973-571-0056. For Our Lady of the Lake, call John Sommer @ 973-857-1370.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 10

We are once again having a council Christmas party for our members and their families on Thursday, December 10, the night of our regular meeting at St. Catherine of Siena's. (Please note we usually meet at OLL on this night) The purpose is to put away our commercialized seasonal stresses and join our brother Knights and families in celebrating the true reason for the season. Food, drink, and Christmas music will be supplied by the council. We ask those attending to bring a dessert and Christmas camaraderie. Contact GK Gary Wilczewski @ 973-432-0923 and tell him how many of your family are coming so we know how much food to order. Again, the party is at St. Catherine's and it's FREE!

This year, the two seminarians we just took on to support are planning to attend. What a great opportunity to meet these two future priests. Feliz Navidad!

GOLF OUTING PROCEEDS TO YOUTH GROUPS

Our council presented a \$3000 check to the Youth groups of Our Lady of the Lake on Youth Sunday, October 19, 2014. OLL received their check at their pancake breakfast. St. Catherine of Siena will receive their check at their next meeting with the parents. The monies we donated were generated from our Annual Golf Outing held in June. Thanks to all whom participated in some way, whether you played, sponsored a hole, donated a prize, or whatever.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – November 14 and December 12

CARE about our “Throw away culture”? CARE about motherhood? Yes, you can do something about it, if you CARE enough. Come and pray that mothers will turn away and spare the lives of their babies. You know the program...across the street from the abortion clinic in Montclair anytime between 8:45 and 10 AM on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE

We sold 164 car raffle tickets for a total of \$1640. New Jersey Right To Life, the state’s oldest and largest pro life organization, thanks all who purchased and sold tickets for their only big fund raiser. Those who helped sell tickets were: Tony Ditri, Joe Cubero, Charles Dimick, Eric Watkins, Michael Barone, John Sommer, Patricia Hanley, Torrey Mathisen, Bob Roma, Chuck & Nansie Collins, Dave & Lori Lyon, George Hectus, Greg Mau, Paul Soderman, Bill Spooner, and Bob Criscuolo.

NEW SEMINARIANS

Our council is getting two new seminarians to support. Jay Joo and Juan Rojas. They are First Theologians. Jay Joo was born in Korea and moved to the United States when he was nine years old. He graduated from the college seminary and is continuing his studies and formation at the Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University.

Juan Rojas was born in Yarumal, Columbia. He completed his philosophy studies at Cristo Sacerdote Seminary in Yarumal. He came to the United States in January, 2013. He is completing his third year of formation.

Both seminarians plan to come to our council Christmas party on December 12. Please come and meet them to make them feel welcome.

MEN’S ANNUAL RETREAT—NOVEMBER 20-22

Knights of Immaculata (all K of C members) are invited to Men’s Weekend Retreat. On November 20-22. Starts Friday at 6 PM and runs to noon Sunday at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA. This retreat is to help you be the best husband and father you can be. The suggested offering is \$235, 50% off for first time retreatants. Call Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684. The guest speaker is Fr. Anthony Maestroeni.

VERONA FAIR IN THE SQUARE—DECEMBER 5

Once again, our council will have a table at the Fair In the Square at the Verona Civic Center, 600 Bloomfield Ave., on Saturday, December 5, from 12-4:30. We use this venue to sell our “Keep Christ In Christmas” items and promote our council. Volunteers are needed to man the table for an hour or two. Call Pat Mullen (973-571-0056) to volunteer.

ROSE SUNDAYS

This year we will be holding Rose Sunday weekends on December 19 & 20 at Our Lady of the Lake, and January 2 & 3 at St. Catherine of Siena,. The monies we raise will subsidize food for the bus trip (March For Life) to Washington DC, the March For Life, and Birthright of Essex County. When the date approaches, please help.

We will be taking donations of \$5 for the lapel rose along with signatures to send to our representatives in Washington, DC to show our support for Respect Life from conception to natural death. Volunteers are needed at St. Catherine’s and OLL to cover all the Mass

I’M SLEEPING OUT ON NOVEMBER 19, 2015

By Pat Mullen

I accept the challenge to Sleep Out with Covenant House. It will be uncomfortable. It will be dark. But for one night I can give up the comforts of home knowing that – by doing so - I can bring warmth and hope to young people who need it most.

Thousands of kids spend each night on the unforgiving streets of our great cities. Countless others are staying with relatives or friends, dreading the day when there is no one else to take them in. **And one night can make a difference.**

For homeless young people, there is Covenant House. Since 1972, Covenant House has been available to meet the immediate needs of young people, with a hot meal and a safe bed - and to help them further their education, get a job, find permanent housing. In essence, Covenant House helps these kids step into a brighter future.

By participating in the Sleep Out, I am doing my small part to make sure the doors stay open for all who need them. Please help me help youth by supporting my Sleep Out.

To make a donation and for more information, please visit my participant page at Newyork.executivesleepout.org Search on my name (Patrick Mullen) and Click "Support Me!" to make a donation in support of our efforts!

For more information please contact me at 973-571-0056 Thank You!

GOOD OF THE ORDER



Your prayers are needed for our brother Knights and all those listed below:

Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, Elaine Shaffer, Christine Maccia, Stephanie & Joseph Herbert, Barbara Shea, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Ferguson, a brother fighting addiction, Virginia Robertson, John Cadmus, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Jean Munning, Joseph Donohue, the Robinson family, Kate W., Fr. Daniel Vitz, Claire Smith, Vern & Cindy Koppenhaver, Catherine Maccia, Joan Brown, Thomas K age 7, Nancy Shea, Frank Testa, Angelo Berardi, Bill Gleason, Ruth Edison, John Marrin, Pat Camalleri, Doris Dolan, and Jerry Hrycychyn.

Please let us know if you are well enough to be removed from the sick list.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Al Linkus. Pray for our former new seminarians, Jay Joo and Juan Rojas.

Pray for peace in our world especially for the Christians who are being massacred for their religious faith, and for the safety of all our military men and women. Special prayers for our Holy Father Emeritus, Pope Benedict XVI & Pope Francis.

Say the rosary daily with your family for your own personal intentions, for the Good of the Order, and for the end of abortions.

Pray for all our parish priests, deacons and religious, that the Holy Spirit will come and strengthen and enlighten them to carry out Christ's work. Also pray for vocations to the religious life.

If there are any Knights or their family members who are sick, in need of prayers, would like visitors, or would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact John Sommer at 973-857-1370 and he will make arrangements.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of November!

Michael Barone

Larry Dillon

Dan Fitzpatrick

Thomas Basil

Christopher Gartner

Stan Osinski

Normand R. Roy

INSURANCE

During Thanksgiving, as you are giving thanks for what you have, think about what you are giving your family, I know you're a great provider. You give your family a nice home and everything else they could need. But what would happen if you were to die unexpectedly? Would the giving end?

It wouldn't have to if you had life insurance. Give your family the security that life insurance delivers. Give them protection that will last for a lifetime. Get life insurance for yourself - and your family.

Call our K of C insurance agent, Brian Baird at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org today for an appointment.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The Attendance Raffle is alive and growing. At our last meeting, Jerry Votta lost out on \$78. Should have been there Jerry. You got to be here to win. Each meeting we collect a dollar from each member present then draw a name out of a bag containing all the council members.. If we pick your name and you are there, you win the pot. If the picked name is not present the money rolls over until the next meeting. And so the pot grows.

Al Linkus 1925-2015

Brother Al Linkus passed away on October 29, 2015, at the age of 90. Al joined the Knights at the spry age of 82 in making his 1st Degree in 2007, and instantly immersed himself as an active member. He hardly missed a meeting, always volunteering to collect money at supermarkets for special citizens and Alzheimer's drives, sometimes several shifts for two hours at a time. He didn't golf but always volunteered his time and treasure by sponsoring a hole and sitting at the cigar hole for over four hours. Not only did he always attend our social events, but usually brought a table of ten with him. And of course, he was our beloved Recorder. A job nobody wanted, but Al did it faithfully for many years.

Al proudly served our country during World War II in the U.S. Navy. He was an engineer and the owner/president of Lab-Tronics Equipment Co., before retiring, and an active parishioner and usher at St. Catherine's. Above all else, he was a devoted grandfather who cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren.

Rest in Peace, Al. You made the most out of life and we are glad to have been your brother Knights.